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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 12, 1960

Dear Jim,

Many thanks for your letter. The press is sending copies both to you and Will Campbell. Paul Flowers also is getting a copy, so you might want to coordinate with him on reviewing it for the COMMERCIAL APPEAL, although I see no objection to having two reviews there. I'd appreciate a clipping of whatever they print.

The book may be getting some attention that we didn't bargain for. One of our contributors, L. D. Reddick, has been fired from Alabama State College at the behest of Governor Patterson on charges of communism. His real crime seems to have been ^{attention to} segregation and involvement with Martin Luther King, whose biography he wrote, but Patterson's investigators came up with a picture of Reddick in 1946 on the platform with Andrei Vishinsky and Mike Quill (he is triply damned--Vishinsky was a communist and Quill both a labor leader and a Catholic), evidence from an unimpeachable source (the DAILY WORKER) that he attended a meeting of "Marxist and other anti-fascist writers," and a report from NY that he taught in some kind of communist front school there. What may be most embarrassing is the claim that he was convicted of fornication and adultery (can it be both?) in Atlanta in 1949. Patterson, a clean and high-living man, was probably most offended by the latter. Reddick's request for a hearing has been denied by the board, and Charlie Sellers is agitating to have the authors of the book send a letter to Patterson protesting primarily the lack of due process in the firing. The idea may have some merit, inasmuch as we can get the matter stated in our own terms before some crackpot discovers our association with a subversive and puts us on the defensive. But we have reached no decision yet.

I have heard rumors that you write books too. It is true that I don't know much this summer about the dreary life of a teacher trying to make ends meet, but with two children now, we know something about ends that don't meet.

Yours,

